CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 743f0f79ea2f0f89d26af455d103683e

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500835.006

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 18 December 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 17 December 2015

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	743f0f79ea2f0f89d26af455d103683e	0:15
Total running time:		0:15

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a short video clip depicting serious self-inflicted physical harm in a graphic manner that is shocking and disturbing to watch. The Classification Office has seen evidence that the video is a staged performance rather than a real instance of self-harm. Nonetheless, in the format in which it is presented, this is not obvious, and children and teenagers in particular are

likely to find the footage disturbing and upsetting. This is likely to have a negative impact on their mental health and wellbeing. It could also inure them to real life suffering and self-harm. Adults are also likely to find the footage shocking and upsetting, however given the fact that it is known to not be real, and that the performance involves one woman (rather than someone else appearing to inflict serious violence on her), it would be unreasonable to classify the publication as objectionable.

A restriction on the publication's availability to adults limits the right to freedom of expression, as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act, but this is a reasonable and justifiable limitation given the risk of injury to the public good from its unrestricted availability.